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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened on the morning of 12 March 2001 by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative.

Item 3 Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure, issued by the UNCTAD secretariat, are contained in document TD/JUTE.4/2.

Item 4 Election of officers

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference shall elect a President and two Vice-Presidents. The Conference may elect the President from among the representatives, or it may elect as its President a person other than a representative of a participant. It is proposed that one Vice-President should be elected from among the representatives of importers and one from among the representatives of exporting members.

Item 5 Credentials of representatives

Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives of States participating in the Conference and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference. Rule 4 provides that a Credentials Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President, shall examine the credentials of representatives. It is proposed in this connection that the Conference should establish a Credentials Committee.

Item 6 Establishment of the Main Committee and of other committees as required

Rule 47 provides that the Conference may establish such Committees, sub-committees and working parties as may be necessary for the work of the Conference. It is proposed in this connection that the Conference should establish a Main Committee of the Whole to deal with items 7 and 8 of the provisional agenda in closed session. The Main Committee may set up such sub-committees or working parties as it deems necessary.

Item 7 Preparation of the Terms of Reference of the International Jute Study Group

The Conference will have before it a draft text of the Terms of Reference of the International Jute Study Group (TD/JUTE.4/3), which the International Jute Council at its sixth special session held in January 2001 in Dhaka agreed should be forwarded to UNCTAD as a basic document for consideration by the Conference.

Item 8 Consideration and adoption of final resolutions

The Conference may wish to adopt a final resolution forwarding the Terms of Reference of the International Jute Study Group for deposit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Item 9 Other business